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TOWN ICONS GIVE BACKING TO LEON BARWELL FOUNDATION

Legendary Saints, Cobblers and Steelbacks players will take to the Sixfields pitch for a charity football match in aid of the newly-launched Leon **Barwell Foundation.**

The charity, set-up in hon-

our of former Saints chairman, Leon Barwell (inset), who died in June, 2013, aged 46, following a battle with cancer, will support families affected by the illness by providing financial support in order to help create lasting memories.

Taking place on Sunday, April 12 next year, the match will see a host of Northamptonshire sporting icons return to the county, alongside a number of special guests.

The first players to be announced for the event are former Saints and England duo Martin Bayfield and Matt

Dawson, former Cobblers managers Colin Calderwood and Ian Sampson, and former Northants and England cricketer, Devon Malcolm.

Mr Dawson, who appeared 246 times for Saints over a 13-year spell at Franklin's Gardens, said: "Having got to

know Leon and the Barwell family well during my time with the Saints, it fills me with pride to be able to help raise money for what is a tremendous cause.

"The match will be a truly unique occasion and one I can't wait to be part of, and hopefully the whole of Northamptonshire will get behind it and fill the stands at

Mr Sampson said: "Having spent a large part of my professional football career in the county, I am delighted to particinate in this event to raise awareness and funding to support families in Northamptonshire affected by cancer.

"I am sure not just fans of the county's teams but the public in general will come to support this event.

Tickets for the match can be purchased in person from the Cobblers ticket office and online at www.ntfc.co.uk, while other outlets will be announced in due course.

Advanced tickets are priced at £10 for adults, £4 for concessions, with carers and children aged seven and under admitted free of charge.





FAR TURNS Matt Dawson(left) and Ian Sampson will be playing football for the Leon Barwell Foundation



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Greyfriars bus depot has stood in he town since 1974. It has now been decided that before March the imposing building will be brought down in a single "controlled initiated collapse", lasting little more than 10 seconds . Above, the passenger concourse now and, below, as it was previously

Demolition of 'mouth of hell' is 'worth cost'

A 'controlled, initiated collapse' will see the building once dubbed the 'mouth of hell' reduced to rubble in about 10 seconds.

After months of painstaking work to strip the interior of the asbestos -laden Greyfriars bus station, the outer frame of the town centre building is now set to come down in one go.

The company in charge of the demolition, DSM Ltd, said that bringing the 1974 building down 'brick-by-brick' as originally intended, would be too costly and time consuming.

Instead, a 'controlled initiated collapse' will take place on a day before the end of March, the firm has revealed.

Making the announcement, the leader of the borough council, Councillor David Mackintosh (Con, Rectory Farm) said: "I am very pleased that this method of demolition—a controlled initiated collapse—means that Greyfriars can be brought down very quickly and that the [surrounding] area can be cleaned up and re-opened all on the same day, so that life can



get back to normal in the town as quickly as possible."

Letters are due to go out to businesses and nearby residents informing them of the plans. The actual site clean-up afterwards was likely to take "several weeks", he added.

Contracts manager for DSM, Billy Young, who is leading the demolition project, said the chosen method was the most cost-effective way of bringing the reinforced concrete structure down.

DSM took over the contract in August and Mr Young added that the site was now clear of asbestos. The overall cost of the scheme has now increased from the projected £4m to £5m.

Councillor Mackintosh said the cost was justified as the former bus station was "an obsolete, unsafe building" that was blocking the regeneration of a key site in Northampton.

"The costs have increased as the time of the demolition has lengthened and the asbestos was found," he said. "What we are clear about is that the benefits for the town will be the release of that site. The extra money is justified in order

Expert says controlled explosion is best option

Contracts manager for DSM, Billy Young, said the firm explored taking the building down 'brick-by-brick' and also considered the use of 'ultra high reach' machinery to dismantle it in stages from the outside.

But he said two 'lateral beams' discovered during the interior demolition of the site changed its approach to the job.

The supporting beams

could well have collapsed the rest of the building if removed, meaning a 'controlled collapse' was the only viable option.

The contracts manager, who has more than 30 years'

experience, said Greyfriars would be by no means his toughest task.

He said: "I've brought down solid steel buildings, so a bit of re-enforced concrete isn't going to worry me."







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Car park to be built on



Councillor Tim Hadland revealed that when the station is demolished, it will be replaced by a multi-storey car park

Work is set to start on a 1,300space multi-storey car park, which could begin to serve the new Northampton railway station by late 2015.

Although a firm date for the opening of the £20m Castle Station in Black Lion Hill is still pending, Northampton

Borough Council has revealed plans build the new multi-storey on the site of the current

The project, which the council says it will contribute more than £1m to, will provide 350 extra spaces to users of the new facility.

Cabinet member for re-

generation, enterprise and planning at the borough, Councillor Tim Hadland, said: "The new station is vital for first impressions of our town and what an improve-

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Last month a spokesperson for Network Rail said 'unforseen contractual issues had delayed the opening until November.

The new car park will fea-ture a lift and a bridge, offering passengers direct access to the ticket floor of the station.

Building work is expected to take between nine and 12 months and once complete, the current car park will be removed, ready for the start of 'phase three' of the project, which will see the construction of commercial and light industrial properties in Black Lion Hill.

It is not yet known whether the borough council will run the new car park, but leader of the authority, Councillor David Mackintosh (Con Rectory Farm) confirmed that it would be paying for the con-

He said: "What we want is to make sure we have a new car park that services the station to the right standard. We want to make Northampton's railway station fit for the fu-

Grant money scheme gets extension

An extra £40.000 has been handed out by the borough council's Business Incentive Scheme, the leader of the authority was expected to announce

Unveiling the next stage of the Alive regeneration programme in Northampton, Councillor David Mackintosh was likely to reveal the scheme had now provided £290,000 of private investment to new and start-up firms in the town in the form of grants. The authority had initially pledged £250,000, but the council leader said it had been increased due to its success.

Speaking yesterday he said: "This money has helped to create 122 jobs in the form of 39 separate grants. It has also helped to fill 21 units, 15 of those are retail units in the town centre."

The council leader said borough council car parks had seen a 40 per cent usage increase since free evening and weekend parking was introduced in April. The total amount of people parking in town centre car parks such as Mayorhold, St Johns and Mounts since April

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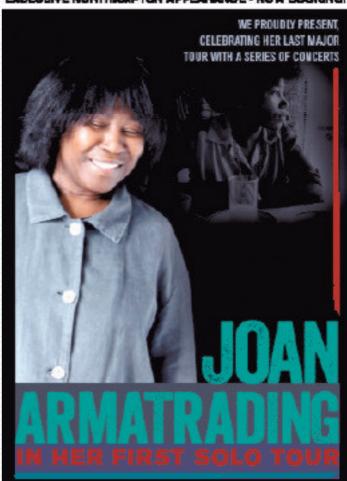
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The Britannia general manager, Rachael Martin, said: "We are really impressed by the improvements that have been made as a result of this latest renovation. We look forward to sharing our fresh new look with returning and new guests alike over the coming weeks and months, providing them with a meal to remember in an enviable setting."

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garlic toasted muffin with a Stilton and peppercorn sauce, complete with crumbled Stilton (£4.59). The main event features dishes such as two lightly grilled sea bass fillets served with pan-fried scallops over a creamy prawn, pea and chive risotto (£14.49); pan-fried duck in a black cherry and red wine sauce, served with Dauphinoise potato and Savoy cabbage and bacon (£13.99); and a prime Wagyu beef burger topped with crispy prosciutto, with sweet potato fries, onion rings, ale chutney and truffle mayonnaise (£13.49).

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The success of their baby may even have surprised its parent, for no right-hand drive was ever offered.

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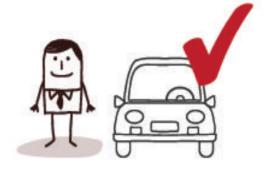




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Burrell unlikely to face All Blacks

RUGBY

ENGLAND boss Stuart Lancaster admits Luther Burrell is unlikely to be fit in time to face New Zealand on November 8 – but says the Saints centre will not need surgery on his hand injury.

Burrell picked up the problem early in the second half of his club's 34-6 victory against Ospreysinthe Champions Cup.

He required an X-ray and is being sent to see a specialist to assess the full extent of the damage.

And Lancaster is unlikely to risk the 26-year-old against

the All Blacks, with Tests against Australia, Samoa and South Africa following on consecutive weekends.

"I think it would be tight for New Zealand," Lancaster said.

"He's not been in camp this week at all. He's seeing the specialist and it will probably unfold over the weekend.

"He's still in the equation further down the line. He's definitely not out the series. We'll see how he goes.

"If the specialist is positive, then potentially he could come back into camp next week. It would be a big step to put him in (against New Zealand)."



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Langmead made available for loan

FOOTBALL

Cobblers defender Kelvin Langmead has been made available for loan in a bid to bolster the player's fitness.

The club hopes to give Langmead a run of games to get him match fit for their first team, in the same way they did with striker Alex Nicholls, who went on loan to Exeter City.

Langmead has only made one appearance for Northampton this season, a 15-minute substitute cameo against Burton Albion, after missing 10 weeks with an Achilles problem.

The former captain - who was voted player of the year in 2013 - missed most of last season through knee surgery and the plan will be to get him some first-team action elsewhere

"Kelvin needs to go out and play some football," said manager Chris Wilder. "He wants to do that and he knows he needs to get a batch of games.

"He had that game (in a practice match) against Leicester a couple of weeks ago but we can't set up any matches because we haven't got the bodies for them.



"We've already had a couple

"We've already had a couple of bits of interest and it's something we'll look to get sorted out.

"It's not a financial thing where we need someone to contribute to his money, we're just looking to get him some football."

Meanwhile, Wilder admits he ignored suggestions he should 'go easy' on his Cobblers team after their fourth straight loss as too many of them are contributing 'C grade' performances.

Wilder confirmed that his assistant Alan Knill advised him to 'be careful' with the team after they were beaten 1-0 at Luton Town on Saturday, a result that sees them slip to 18th in Sky Bet League Two.

But the manager was not interested in such an approach and instead gave his players a damning appraisal of their recent efforts.

"Ispoketo Al (Alan Knill) before we went in after the game and he said we couldn't criticise the players too much because we need them and they're the only players we've got," he said.

"He felt we should be careful with them and not have ago at them but I've took no notice of him if I'm honest because it's a man's game.

"They've got to accept that it isn't good enough. I went around the players and thought about As, Bs and Cs from the past four or five games and there are a couple of Bs but most of them are Cs.

"There are hardly any As and there are lads that can produce A* performances, but these are the times when you get judged and some of them have to step up and be good at their job."